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HIDEKAZU TAKAHASHI	:)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGING APPARATUS AND CAMERA USING THE SAME APPARATUS	;)	September 17, 2003
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

APPLN. NO.	FILING DATE	<u>APPLICANTS</u>	<u>GROUP</u> <u>ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/215,170	December 18, 1998	Hidekazu Takahashi	2612	Allowed
10/361,598	February 11, 2003	Hidekazu Takahashi	2851	Pending

Copies of the cited U.S. Applications are enclosed.

REMARKS

The following document is discussed at the following page of the specification:

<u>Document</u> <u>Page(s)</u>
JP 2000-180706 A 9

An Abstract for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-180706 was obtained from a commercial database and is also enclosed. According to a commercial database, EP 0 977 427 A2 is in the same family.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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